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KITTS AND NEVIS: DOG ISLAND

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1. IN DISCUSSION WITH ACTING HEAD OF WEST INDIAN AND ATLANTIC DEPARTMENT AT FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE, ALLAN, ON FEBRUARY 18, EMBOFF WAS INFORMED THAT SUBJECT OF US REQUEST FOR USE OF DOG ISLAND WAS NOT REPEAT NOT RAISED DURING VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER BRADSHAW FROM ST. KITTS AND NEVIS. ALLAN ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT BRADSHAW, PRIOR TO HIS ARRIVAL IN UK, HAD TOLD UK REPRESENTATIVE IN CARIBBEAN THAT HE AND HIS CABINET OPPOSED USE OF DOG ISLAND OR ANY CARIBBEAN TERRITORIES FOR DEFENSE PURPOSES OF ANY KIND. THIS VIEW, BRADSHAW SAID, HAD BEEN COMMUNICATED TO PONS.

2. ON SUBJECT OF FUTURE OF ANGUILLA, ALLAN SAID BRITISH DISCUSSIONS WITH BRADSHAW WERE INCONCLUSIVE AND THAT BOTH SIDES ARE STILL LOOKING FOR IDEAS AND PROPOSALS THAT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH WEBSTER AND BRADSHAW.

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3. ALLAN TOLD EMBOFF THAT DEPARTMENT BY NOW SHOULD HAVE

RECEIVED NOTE FROM BRITISH EMBASSY WASHINGTON TO EFFECT THAT BRITISH GOVERNMENT DOES NOT BELIEVE MEETING BETWEEN PUERTO RICAN AND DOD REPRESENTATIVES WITH BRITISH GOVERNMENT AT THIS TIME WOULD SERVE ANY PURPOSE. BRITISH HAVE NOTHING FURTHER TO SAY BEYOND WHAT THEY TOLD PONS AND COMPANY AT LAST MEETING IN OCTOBER. AT SAME TIME ALLAN SAID BRITISH GOVERNMENT WISHES TO STUDY TECHNICAL PROPOSALS FOR USE OF DOG ISLAND AS TRANSMITTED BY DOD AND PUERTO RICANS, WOULD LIKE TO BE HELPFUL TO USG AND HOPE THAT AGREEMENT ON TECHNICAL ASPECTS MIGHT BE REACHED PRIOR TO FINAL CONSTITUTIONAL SETTLEMENT.

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